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SCOPING MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED CANADIAN
NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY ACQUISITION OF THE
ELGIN, JOLIET AND EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY

STATEMENT OF:

ALVIN ENGBERG

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1 MR. ENGBERG: My name is Alvin Engberg.
2 I live at 1801 Hoppe, Mount Prospect,
3 Illinois. I came out today to represent the
4 other side of this equation.

5 Most meetings in the Chicago area have
6 been dealt with people who are along the newly
7 acquired Joliet Elgin line who are going to be
8 adversely affected by this proposal by
9 Canadian National. I'm in Mount Prospect. I
10 have the Canadian National tracks adjacent to
11 my property and I've lived with the freight
12 traffic for 20 years which isn't that bad.

13 I just want to state the obvious that
14 for every one person that testified to
15 increased traffic at rail crossings, there are
16 two rail crossings in the other areas that's
17 going to have less traffic with all the less
18 congestion.

19 For every one person that will have
20 more congestion at a rail crossing or
21 pedestrian, there are three people in the
22 inner area that will have less. So the net
23 effect of this will be a lot overall, less
24 congestion for motorists, pedestrians, school

1 bus, firetrucks.

2 I know the issue was brought up about
3 firetrucks and access and school buses. We
4 deal with that in Mount Prospect all the time.
5 That is an issue to make sure that we have
6 access for fire and school across rail
7 crossings.

8 It's nothing new, but for every new
9 issue that will come up in Barrington or West
10 Chicago, there are two or three situations in
11 the other Canadian National tracks that are
12 going to have that problem reduced.

13 So the net effect for the Chicago area
14 is going to be less. It's going to be less
15 traffic, less pollution, less congestion. And
16 from a metropolitan area, it makes sense.

17 You understand new communities
18 opposition to it but ultimately this makes
19 sense for all of us. And that's about it.

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